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1. The Central Construction Office (Zentrales Konstruktionsbuero) (ZKB), is a planning office which is responsible for the new construction or expansion of industrial plants connected with the East German iron industry. The ZKB consists of the Main Department for Planning, which is under Stoof (fnu), and the Main Department for Construction, which is under Duenke (fnu). The Main Department for Planning concerns itself with projects for the iron industry, the mining industry, and the nonferrous metals industry.

2. The Main Department for Construction consists of the following offices:

Office of General Construction: manager, Geurich (fnu); Production manager, Ott (fnu)

Office of Furnace Construction: manager, Fiedler (fnu); Production manager, Brieschke (fnu).

Designs for Siemens-Martin furnaces, air furnaces, blast furnaces, cupola furnaces, gravity-discharge furnaces, ingot pusher, pit heating furnaces, hot-metal mixer, and all other fuel-fired furnaces are drawn up here.

3. The ZKB contains also the following departments (though these departments are not a part of the Main Department):

Research and Development-Kranenberg (fnu); this office concerns itself with the method of processing continuous casting.

Conveying machinery - Schmieder (fnu), technical expert

Railroad yards - Vater (fnu); EKO, Brandenburg, Calbe, zinc works, and as far as possible all other works.

Electro department - Zeisinger (fnu); high-and low-voltage current for all industrial plants.

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4. The Iron Industry Department, which is under Boeddeker (fnu), has a production management, as do all other departments. The manager of the Production Department is Eismann (fnu). The manager of a department is responsible for supervising planning, while the production manager distributes the assignments and, in connection with the investors and the Ministry for Mining and Smelting, distributes orders for material. The responsible officials in the Investment Department are Pader (fnu), Wittich (fnu) and Hoffman (fnu).
5. The Iron Industry Department employs 140 technicians and is organized as follows:
 - a. Iron Alloying Plants - Boettcher (fnu), manager. This department is charged with producing technical plans for the following plants:

Walzwerk Ilseburg, Lippendorf
 Ferrolegierungswerk Mueckenberg
 Walzengiesserei Quedlinburg
 Raesatzfabrik Ilseburg
 - b. Dolomite Plants - Schmidt (fnu), manager. This department is charged with producing technical plans for the following plants:

Dolomitwerk Crammitzschau
 Dolomitwerk EKO (Eisenhuettenkombinat Ost), Langenreinsdorf
 Dolomitwerk Wuenschendorf
 - c. Steel Mills - Reich (fnu), manager. This department is charged with producing technical plans for the following plants:

Steel mills EKO, Brandenburg (partial planning) and Maxhuetten (partial planning)
 - d. Blast furnace plant - Nunko (fnu), manager. This department is charged with producing technical plans for the following plants:

EKO, Maxhuetten (partial planning)
 - e. Subsidiary plants - Karozewski (fnu), manager. This department is charged with producing technical plans for all plants of the iron industry and is responsible for all power generating installations, hydroelectric plants, and the like. The department is now in the process of being built up. At the present time, the production program is carried out by the following plants:

EKM (Energie u. Kraftmaschinenbau)
 RFT (Radio u. Fernmeldetechnik)
 VEM (VVB des Elektro-Maschinenbaues)
 EAW (Treptow Elektro-Apparate-Werk)
 - f. Rolling mills - Matulla (fnu), and Young (fnu), managers. The department is charged with producing technical plans for the following plants:

EKO, Brandenburg
 Maxhuetten
 Walzwerk Finow

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6. The Iron Industry Department has branch offices in Maxhuetten and Meissen. The Maxhuetten branch office is under the direction of Schmidt of the Dolomitwerk; about ten persons are employed in the office. The Meissen office is the former VEB Bindemittel Department for Crude Ceramics; about 70 persons are employed in this branch office. As far as is known Meissen processes material for the following plants:

Clayworks Brandis
 Bad Freienwalde Oder
 Lausitz
 Harmsdorf, and others

This department was taken over by the ZKB in April 1953. It is supposed to engage in planning for a total of 14 plants (for 1954), but the exact duties of the office have not as yet been determined. The total amount to be invested in 1954 is about 120 million DEM.

7. In addition the Iron Industry Department is engaged in planning in an advisory capacity for the following plants:

Eiselstahlwerk Boehlen
 Stahl- und Walzwerk Riesa
 Stahl- und Walzwerk Groeditz
 Ziehwerk Brotterode
 Ziehwerk Delitzsch
 Blechwalzwerk Burg
 Halbzeugwerk Auerhammer
 Kaltwalzwerk Oranienburg
 Ziehwerk Berlin
 Kaltwalzwerk Bad Salzungen
 Ziehwerk Lugau
 Elektrostahlwerk Leipzig

The above-listed plants have their own technical offices and planning offices under the direction of Puschkeit (fnu) of the ZKB.

8. The last major sub-group under the Iron Industry Department is the Foundry Group, which is under the direction of Schwarzer (fnu). The main plant under this group is Walzengiesserei Coswig.

9. The total investments included in the 1954 planning program for the iron industry with its 56 plants amounts to 1,300 million DEM (not including buildings devoted to cultural activities). 495 million of this sum are allotted to EKO, and for the expansion (Ausbau) of furnaces 7 and 8. Included are also the Siemens-Martin and Thomas steel plants, the Dolomit plant, one heavy plate mill, one universal plate mill, one wire rolling mill, and one light plate mill. As far as is known the wire rolling mill is to be imported from Czechoslovakia.

Another 72 million DEM are allotted to Stahl-und Walzwerk Riesa,

and 56 million to Stahl- und Walzwerk Groeditz.

Walzwerk Ilseburg has been allotted 12 million DEM for the construc-

tion of five-ton metal bars (Brammen), 80 millimeter plate, two pit heating furnaces, and one double gravity-discharge furnace (Doppeldurchstosssofen).

10. Included in the Iron Industry Department are also the plants for low shaft furnaces; Klingenburg (fnu) is manager; he is also engaged in planning work for Calbe.
11. The Nonferrous Metals Industry Department is under the direction of Zielinsky (fnu); production manager is Mueller (fnu), who was formerly plant manager at EKO and is now chief production manager in the ZKB.

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12. The Mining Department, headed by von Collani (fnu), is engaged in planning work for Mansfeld Kombinat "Wilhelm Pieck", and Eisierzgruben "Albert Funk"; also for Bodeleben, a contributory plant of Calbe. The department is located in Leipzig.

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